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Library Trustees Minutes 04-24-2003

Robbins Library Board of Trustees April 24, 2003

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Attending were trustees David Castiglioni, Patricia Deal, Katharine Fennelly, Barbara Muldoon, Frank Murphy, Joyce Radochia and Susan Ruderman. Also attending was library director Maryellen Loud.

Annual Report for the Public

The Board reviewed and approved the changes suggested by Frank Murphy with a few minor changes.

Fundraising Bookmarks

Ms. Loud reported that through an oversight the fundraising bookmarks did not include the hours at the Fox Library. The Board discussed whether to pull the bookmarks because of this. After considerable discussion it was voted to distribute at the Robbins Library the current batch that had already been printed and issue a corrected version when the supply is depleted (moved by Ms. Deal; seconded by Ms. Ruderman).

Fundraising for the Fox Library

Ms. Loud reported on her meetings with Nancy Galkowski and Jack Hurd concerning the Fox Library. The Board of Selectmen have made a policy decision that the Fox Library will remain open two days a week with funding from the anticipated increase in parking revenue. The Fox support group hopes to also raise private funds and is exploring several ideas. Ms. Loud discussed with the Trustees how best to facilitate communication with the Fox fundraising group. It was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Loud and Joyce Radochia should attend meetings of the fundraising group.

General Fundraising

Ms. Loud reported that all the business solicitation letters have been mailed and several responses have been received. As suggested by Ms. Ruderman, there will be a solicitation of vendors that the library does substantial business with. Ms. Fennelly reported that Tea Tray in the Sky is interested in doing a fundraiser for the library when it re-opens.

FY04 Budget

It was suggested that the Friends of the Library present an informational program on the budget cuts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maryellen Loud.